Himalayan River Development Component and Peninsular River Development Component. The National Water Development Agency is engaed in the task of preparing water balance and feasibility studies in this regard.

Evaluation of Performance of Non Government Colleges

1215. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether University Grants Commission has requistioned the services of Educational Consultants India Limited for evaluation of performance of Non Government Colleges;

(b) if so, the main findings thereof; and

(c) the follow-up action proposed by Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION & DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) According to the information furnished by the UGC, the Commission has engaged the services of Educational Consultant India Ltd. (Ed. CIL) to evaluate the utilisation of grants paid to the private/non-Government Colleges under the College Development Schemes of the UGC during the 7th Plan period. The report of the Ed. CIL is still awaited.

Promotion of Fishery

1216. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps have been taken by Government to promote fishery throughout the country;

(b) whether schemes have been prepared in the 8th Five Year Plan for every State and Union Territory; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The following major Central Sector/Centrally Sponsored Schemes are being implemented during the Eighth Five Year Plan period for development of Marine and Inland Fisheries in the country:

(1) Fishery harbour facilities at Major Ports

(2) Provision of fishing harbour facilities at Minor Ports

(3) Freshwater Aquaculture

(4) Integrated Brackishwater Fish Farms Development

(5) Development of Coastal Marine Fisheries

  (a) Motorisation of Traditional Craft

  (b) Information of Plywood Craft

  (c) Introduction of Intermediate type of Craft for Offshore Pelagic Fishing

  (d) Re-imbursement of Central Excise Duty on High Speed Diesel (HSD) Oil used by fishing vessels below 20 m. length.

(6) Welfare of Fishermen

  (a) Group Accident Insurance

  (b) Model Fishermen Villages

  (c) Savings-cum-Relief

(7) Assistance for Strengthening of Inland Fish Marketing

(8) Enforcement of Marine Fishing Regulation Act (MFRA) and setting up of Artificial Reefs and Seafarming Project

(9) Training and fishery Extension.

The Central Sector/Centrally Sponsored Schemes are available for all States/Union Territories for implementation depending on the availability of marine/inland resources. Moreover, fisheries being a State subject it is for the State to prepare other suitable schemes taking into account their own requirements.

Ad hoc subsidy to DAP

1217. SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering an ad hoc subsidy to DAP to adjust to international price movements;

(b) whether levying customs duty on imported DAP is being considered; and

(c) the steps Government is taking to remove distortions in the consumption of fertilizers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) A concession of Rs. 1000/per tonne is being given on sale of indigenous DAP to the farmers.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) In order to encourage increased use of phosphatic and potassic fertilizers and to improve the nutrient balance, the scheme of special concession on sale of decontrolled phosphatic and potassic fertilizers has been continued since 1992-93. During 1994-95, the price of urea was also increased by 20%, correcting, to some extent, the imbalance in the pricing of Nitrogen(N) and other nutrients namely, Phosphate(P) and Potash(K).

Registration of Coconut Farmers

1218. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme is likely to be introduced by the Coconut Development Board to register all conconut farmers in the country;

(b) whether any such survey has been conducted by the Coconut Development Board to establish the number of coconut farmers; and

(c) if so, the details of coconut farmers in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) At present, there is no proposal to register all coconut farmers in the country by the Coconut Development Board.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Exposing Fake Universities through Media

1219. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:
SYED SIBTEY RAZI:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to use print and electronic media to announce the names of such fake Universities and about their illegal degrees/ diplomas every day to safeguard the interests of students;

(b) whether Government propose to issue instructions in this regard at the earliest possible preferably the following day when the courses to be conducted by such fake Universities are published through media; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) According to the information furnished by University Grants Commission (UGC), information regarding fake universities was published in leading national newspapers on 13th July, 1995 based on a Press release of University Grants Commission with a view to cautioning unsuspecting students. This was also broadcast on Electronic Media such as T.V. & Radio on 12th July, 1995. The Association of Indian Universities (AIU) has informed that the information on the functioning of fake institutions/universities is released at regular intervals in the "Employment News' for the guidance of the student community. AIU produces extensive literature on the recognised institutions/ courses offered in the country for the benefit of students and others. The Association issues "Notifications' from time to time in "Employment News', "University News' and daily newspapers informing the students who ascertain the position on the standing of fake institutions from them. A large number of enquiries received in response to these notifications are also responded expeditiously by AIU.